Visit of Sri Lankan President

3521. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Sri Lankan President to New Delhi, Government assured him of India's intervention in Sri Lankan peace process;

(b) if so, in what context such offer of intervention was made; and

(c) whether any agreement or understanding were reached during the visit; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The President of Sri Lanka, during his recent State visit of India, briefed the Indian leadership on his Government's approach to the peace process. The two sides agreed that an enduring solution can emerge, only through internal political processes that promote consensus and reconciliation. India reiterated its support for a process of seeking a negotiated political settlement acceptable to all sections of Sri Lankan society within the framework of an undivided Sri Lanka and consistent with democracy, pluralism and respect for human rights. India continues to maintain an abiding interest in the security of Sri Lanka and remains committed to her unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Military action against Iran

†3522. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards statements given by the representatives of the Government of America regarding carrying out military action against Iran;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government have decided to take any diplomatic measure to avoid military action against Iran?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On May 10, 2006 the US Secretary of State is reported to have indicated that the US Government is keeping all options on the table, while remaining committed to a diplomatic course; and that the US Government believes that a "unified diplomatic course will work."

(c) Government of India has maintained that India values its civilizational ties and traditionally close and friendly relations with Iran. We have repeatedly declared that issues relating to Iran's nuclear programme should be resolved through dialogue. Iran has the right to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, but this must be consistent with its international commitments and obligations. India, alongwith other friendly countries, has continued to make efforts to reach an amicable resolution of outstanding issues through patient dialogue. Confrontation or the threat or use of force can only exacerbate tensions in a region which is of vital importance to India, and must therefore be avoided at all costs.

Manipulation by IFS officer

3523. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that top officer of IFS has recently manipulated his admission in German Hospital, on his way back from an official tour to Brazil where he had gone on official tour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this official is also involved in a case of human trafficking of a number of persons for facilitating the entry of illegal immigrants under the cover of dance troupe in 2005 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken against him?